

**CHAPTER NO. 382**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 896**

**By Representatives Cooper, Henri Brooks, Miller, Ulysses Jones, Bowers, John DeBerry, Larry Turner, Towns**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 440**

**By Senator Cohen**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 23 and Title 54, relative informational, tourism-oriented, directional and other signage.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 23, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 4-3-2307. The commissioner is authorized to develop guidelines for municipal tourism/wayfinding informational signage programs. Such guidelines may include, but are not limited to, construction, placement and safety standards. The commissioner is urged to consult with interested municipalities in the development of this program. Such municipalities may participate in the development of such guidelines; provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring any municipality to participate in, or undertake construction of, a municipal tourism/wayfinding information signage program.

SECTION 2. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. The commissioner shall report on progress made in the development of such guidelines to the house and senate transportation committees at their first meetings in January 2004.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 28, 2003



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2003



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR